



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filing Date: February 9, 2001  
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Inventor(s): Peter Langheinrich  
Examiner: Neil Abrams  
Art Unit: 2839  
Atty. Dkt.: 875-00

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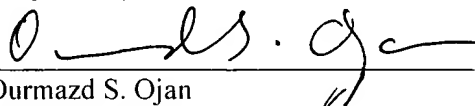
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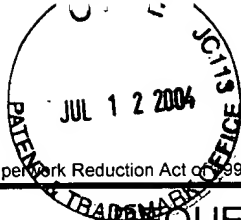
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other additional filing fees for added claims if any.
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July 7, 2004

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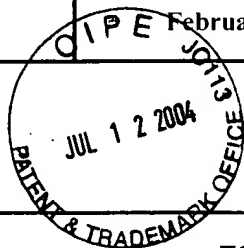
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**2839**

Invention:

Contact Element

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

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TOTAL CLAIMS	27 -	35 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0 x	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the final office action mailed on April 7, 2004, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 7, 2004. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response. This amendment is intended as the required submission for the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, no extension of time fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response. In the event that additional fees are required with respect to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Paul & Paul deposit account number 16-0750.

Please amend the application as follows: